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It is with a great deal of pleasure that we report the return to her home of Mrs. Wm. F. Cleveland, our Editor, who has been in Grace Hospital. However, until Mrs. Cleveland regains her strength and is able to be with us again, all members, and correspondents of the Bulletin are asked to address all material, queries, etc. to the Assistant Editor.

The February Meeting witnessed an attendance of over 90 members and guests, and all enjoyed the interesting talk by Mr. L. Austin Pearce, whose subject was "Sidelights in Genealogy". In fact, the historical aspect of genealogy was so well presented that Ye Ed fairly ached with remorse at the thought of the golden opportunities to study history, so lightly dismissed in High School days.

At the Directors' meeting, February 26th, Mr. Moyer, our President, appointed a committee to handle the work of preparing a Directory of our members, which will include an alphabetical list of family names in which our membership is interested. This has been scheduled for June publication. The committee is composed of the following: L. Austin Pearce, Chairman, E. P. Hill and L. A. Merrill.

After due consideration, the Board of Directors has decided to discontinue the practice of sending floral tributes in cases where our members pass away. Instead, they plan to establish a memorial fund, which will be used for acquiring genealogical and historical works to be dedicated as a perpetual memorial to the departed member. These works shall be properly inscribed so that they will serve as a lasting reminder to all.

We understand that a friend of our Editor, Mrs. Wm. F. Cleveland, having read a query in one of our bulletins, was enabled to locate a long-lost cousin, from whom she gathered much valuable family data.

Mrs. R. J. Winchester, 15 W. 33rd. St., Salt Lake City, Utah, would like to exchange data on the RHOLES family with anyone interested in that family.

Mr. H. E. Breed, Box 499, Humboldt, Iowa, wishes to exchange data with anyone interested in the BREED family.

Mr. Howard J. Harvey, of the Detroit Business Pioneers and the Detroit Old-Timer's Association announces the formation of a "Collector's Guild", "An organization of Master Collectors in fifty fields". He would like to receive the names of collectors in the various "Hobby" fields. If interested, see Mr. E. H. Owen.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Well, here we are ready to begin the Spring Season, and ready to enjoy the vernal beauties of the great out-doors. To the dyed-in-the-wool genealogist, the warmer weather will not be a hindrance to his avocation, but rather will it aid and abet him in his many searches and undertakings. The urge to wander far afield and compile old cemetery records will now be completely satisfied. The chance to mix among the folk of small towns and hamlets and to collect Bible records, notes and data of past generations, now is offered. Opportunity is given to investigate the out-door shelves of the old book-stores, where choice old copies may be found at a nominal investment.

This last mentioned source of information should not be overlooked. Searching among the dusty volumes is almost as exciting an adventure as the actual search for ancestors. Indeed, many a thrill may be experienced when treasure-trove is unearthed among the mass of literary debris within these store-houses. Again I say, "Do not overlook the latent possibilities hidden away in the old book stores."

We are approaching April the time when new applicants for membership in our Society, need pay but half price for the balance of our fiscal year, that is to September 1938. Let us therefore, become more active in our work of bringing in new applicants. Don't weaken! Help us to enlarge our membership list, so that we may be numbered among the larger Genealogical Societies of the country!

Many years ago, James E. Valentine, a Virginian operated a locomotive on a Southern railroad He was killed in a collision on his road; they buried his body in Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond and should you wander through its shady ways and pause before his tombstone, you may read the following inscription carved thereon:

Until the brakes are turned on time,
Life's throttle valve shut down,
He wakes to pilot in the crew
That wears a martyr's crown.
On schedule time, on upper grade
Along the homeward section,
He lands his train at God's roundhouse
The morn of resurrection.
His time all full, no wages docked,
His name on God's payroll
And transportation through to Heaven,
A free pass for his soul.

And in Vernon, Vermont we find the following on the grave-stone of Jonathan Tute, who succumbed to the effects of a vaccine, which at the time had apparently lacked perfection:

Here lies cut down like unripe fruit,
A son of Mr. Amos Tute.
To death he fell a helpless Prey,
April V and Twentieth day,
In Seventeen Hundred and Seventy-seven,
Quitting this world, we hope, for Heaven.
Behold the amazing alteration
Effected by innoculation;
The means employed his life to save
Hurried him headlong to the grave.

Harold E. Moyer

Mr. J. E. Letson, L-5 has contributed a list of the original proprietors of a grant of land given to a group of New England families who settled in the southwest portion of Nova Scotia in 1759. These families are chiefly from Massachusetts, but there are also families from Rhode Island, Connecticut, and what is now Maine. He also has a list of Marriages performed by The Rev. John Payzant, one of the early pastors in Queens county, for the period from 1792 to 1827. These lists may be of great benefit to members seeking information on families which seem to have disappeared about this time, and the thanks of the Society are due Mr. Letson for his donation to us.

We suggest that you study carefully the queries as listed in our bulletins and should you be able to pass on any data that might benefit the querist, send it in immediately to the Editors. We need answers.

And if you have any special news of interest to members in general, don't be bashful about sending the material in to the editorial staff. They'll appreciate it.

IMPORTANT: Please let us know of any illness among the members that may come to your notice. Get in touch with Mrs. Russell, Chairman of the Social Committee and give her the information.

The St. Peter (Minn) Commercial Advertiser in March 1876 carried this item:

> Baron Von Washington is the name of a Bavarian officer now in the German army. One of this family, Baron Maximilian Von Washington, about twenty years ago married a Duchess of Oldenburg, a sister of the reigning Grand Duke of Oldenburg and of the ex-Queen of Greece. The family are of British origin, though when and why they went to Bavaria, or whether they belong to the English Washingtons of Brighton, in Northampton, whose coat-of-arms has been reproduced on the flag of the United States, is not known.

It would be decidely interesting to have this genealogical problem worked out.

The Pilgrim's Progress 1620-1875

1620. Lands on Plymouth Rock, and sets up for himself.
1621. Keeps Thanksgiving - in no danger of over-eating.
1622. Builds a Meeting House.
1623. Proclaims a Fast Day.
1628. Cuts down a May Pole at Merry Mount, as a rebuke to vain recreations.
1635. Is crowded for accomodations and stakes out a new farm in Connecticut.
1637. Makes war on the Antinomians and the Pequots-and whips both.
1638. Starts a College and
1640. Sets up a Printing Press.
1643. Goes into a Confederacy-the first Colonial Congress.
1648. Lays down the Cambridge Platform and hangs a Witch.
1649. Sets his face against the unchristian custom of wearing long hair, "a thing uncivil and uncomely".
1651. Is rebuked for "intolerable excess and bravery of apparel," and is forbidden to wear gold and silver lace, or other such gew-gaws.
1652. Coins Pine Tree Shillings-and makes the business profitable.
1663. Prints a Bible for the Indians.

1680. Buys a "hang up" Clock and occasionally carries a silver watch that helps him guess the time of day. About this period learns to use forks at table: a new fashion.
1692. Is scared by Witches again, at Salem; but gets the better of them.
1701. Founds another College, which after a while, settles down at New Haven.
1704. Prints his first Newspaper, in Boston.
1705. Tastes Coffee as a luxury, and at his own table.
1708. Constructs another Platform,-this time at Saybrook.
1710. Begins to sip Tea-very sparingly. It doesn't come into family use till five and twenty years later.
1711. Puts letter into his first Post Office.
1720. Eats a Potato-and takes one home to plant in his garden as a curiosity.
1721. Is inoculated for the Small-Pox not without grave remonstrance from his conservative neighbors. Begins to sing by note, on Sundays, thereby encountering much opposition and opening a ten years' quarrel.
1740. Manufactures tinned ware, and starts the first Tin Peddler on his travels.
1742. Sees Fanueil Hall built. The cradle of Liberty is ready to be rocked.
1745. Builds an Organ: but does not yet permit it to be played in the Meeting House.
1750. Buys a bushel of Potatoes for winter's use-all his friends are wondering what he will do with so many.
1755. Puts up a Franklin Stove in his best room; and tries one of the newly invented Lightning Rods
1760. About this time begins to wear a collar to his shirt. When he can afford it, takes his wife to meeting in a Chaise, instead of on a pillion, as before.
1765. Shows his dislike for stamped paper and joins the "Sons of Liberty".
1768. Tries his hand at Type Founding-not yet successfully-in Connecticut.
1770. Buys a home-made Wooden Clock.
1773. Waters his Tea, in Boston Harbor. Plants Liberty Trees wherever he finds good soil.
1774. Lights Boston Streets with Oil Lamps; a novelty (though "New Lights" had been plenty, some years before).
1775. Shows Lord Percy how to march to "Yankee Doodle". Calls at Ticonderoga to take lodgings for the season. Sends Gen. Putnam (under command of several colonels) with a small party, to select a site for Bunker Hill Monument.
1776. Brother Jonathan - as he begins to be called in the family-declares himself Free and Independent.

(To be continued)

QUERIES

79. DOTY: W-2 wants birthplace and parentage of Matilda Doty b 7-31-1764, m (pub) 3-7-1786 Bridgewater, Mass. to Sam'l. Reed of Cummington, Mass. (b 11-30-1760 d 9-1-1853 Wendell, Mass). She died 8-25-1850, Wendell, Mass. where she lived all of her married life.

80. LEE: W-2 wants birthplace and parents of Thomas Lee, b Mass. 11-10-1808, d 2-27-1893, Petersburg, Mich., m 10-2-1831 Paulina Seward (b 2-28-1813 Delhi, Delaware Cty. N. Y.). Her mother's name was Susanna. Want mother's maiden name. She d 2-4-1892 Petersburg, Mich.

81. DOOLITTLE: W-2 wants date of second marriage and name of 2nd husband of Lydia Doolittle b 7-23-1775, Torrington, Conn. m (ist) ? Nathan Spencer (d 1808 Bristol, Ontario Cty, N. Y.). She was d of David and Tapath, had bs Arba, David, Asa, Eli, Sabra, Uraine, and sisters Catharine and Jerusha.

82. HOOVER: W-2 wants b and d dates and name of wife of John Hoover, living in Romulus, N. Y. 12-27-1808. Was he in Rev. War?

83. CLAPP: W-2 wants information about Miss Rebecca Clapp b 1776-7. She is mentioned 2-21-1854 as being 77. Relationship to Miss or Mrs. Sarah Clapp? Both living Hardwick, Petersham or New Braintree, Mass. 1848-54. How connected to Doty family?

84. HALL: D-3 wants information about Mr..... Hall of Pennsylvania who married Joanna Confer (b 1853 d 10-7-1904.). They had four child. on whom all information is sought. 1. James Hall, Prf. in a N. Y. College. 2. Raymond Hall, attended College in Conn. 3. Harry Hall of Mill Hall, Penna. 4. Ruth Hall b 1892.

85. TOWNSEND: B-9 wants parents of Elizabeth Townsend b 6-1775. d 12-16-1837, Putnam Cty. N. Y. m Jos. Hopkins 9-28-1775.

86. WANDS: B-7 wants parents of Margaret Wands b 1778 m Jas. Jackson (b 1789 d 1859) of Brewerton, Onondaga Cty., N. Y.

87. TYLER: B-7 wants parents of Julia Amanda Tyler b 1807? d 1895-6 at Baldwinsville, N. Y.

88. HUBBARD: W-5 wants parentage and family of Ichabod Hubbard b 1730 m 1751 Esther Wakelee of Stratford, Conn. Several child. b there oldest Joseph and Sarah. In 1739 Sarah Beach had Deacon Samuel Peat appointed guardian for her son, Ichabod Hubbard.

89. RODMAN: W-5 wants parentage of Tabitha Rodman b 1776 Burlington Cty., N. J. m 1798 Mount Holly, N. J. Daniel Borton. Both families Quakers.

90. WILLIAMS: W-5 wants father of Zebulon Williams refugee from Long Island who married 1776 Greens Farms, Conn. Abigail Parruck d Elnathan and Mary Hill Parruck. They r Haverstraw, N. Y. Sons Jonas (prob.) and Zebulon b 1795.

91. LOCKWOOD: W-5 wants surname of Sussana w. Robt. Lockwood, who gave evidence in witch case New Haven, Conn., 1764.

92. STRICKLAND: M-15 wants ancestry of Betsy Strickland b 5-18-1801 m 12-5-1825 (Grandville, Mass. v. r.) to Erasmus Cooley d Sept. 26, 1872 Richfield, Genessee Cty., Mich.

93: WILCOX: M-15 wants ancestry of Rachel Wilcox b 4-28-1783 (where?) m 12-13-1804 (Grandville, Mass. v.r.) to Elihue Cooley d 7-29-1846 bur in E. Farmington Cemetery Oakland Cty, Mich.

94. DYE: H 3 wants information on Dye family. In early 19th Century they r in Cattaraugus and Oneida Cities. N. Y. Daniel Dye b 9-15-1777 (where?) m (where?) 11-14-1797 Rebecca Freeman. When and where did he die? Full information wanted on his father William and name of his wife. Who was the imm. ances. and where did he settle?

95. HEDGES. H 3 wants parents and children of Jonas Hedges of Martinsburg or Hedgesville, W. Va. he m Eve Plotner 4 4 1799. Also want data on Absolom Hedges s Chas. s Joseph of Prince George Cty. Md.

96. TAPLIN. C 7 wants parentage of Hepzibah Taplin (One of a family of six girls, her father one of a family of 24 children, his father had married twice. She was born 1803 and m John B. Corliss b Sept. 24, 1799, d Oct. 5, 1850 and m 2nd Annarita Underwood. John B. Corliss had a son George Washington Corliss b April 16, 1829 d July 26, 1883 by wife Hepzibah and a son John B. by wife Annarita. Above material from family Bible and family records.

97. CHASE: C-7 wants parentage of John B. Chase b 1775 Newburyport, Mass. d between 1854 and 1870 m Sept. 1801 Sally Niles b 1772 d Feb 10, 1819, m 2nd Oct. 1822 Abigail Aldrich b 1793 Bradford, Vt. d 1837 Bradford Vt. Residence: New Buryport, Mass, Lowell, Mass, Bradford Vt. Children by Abigail, Elizabeth, Louisa, Lucinda, Doreus W. (known as Eliza D.W.), Phebe Jane, and Saphronie. Abigail Aldrich m 1st _____ Parker and had one son Stephen A. Parker. Above material from family Bibles and records. (Descendents of Aquilla Chase. John Chase, son of Abel and Hannah (Bedell) Chase, b 1768 m Sept. 2, 1799 Sally Niles. Lists children of a John and Sarah Chase of that locality)

98. GEARHART: C 7 wants parentage and wife of Solomon Gearhart who came in 1834 from Dauphin Co. Pa. to Beaver twp. Jefferson Co., Pa. (Hist. of Jefferson Co. Pa. 1888) Erected a cabin on farm in the early 30's near town of Ringgold, also near Geistown (now Worthville). History of Jefferson Co., Pa. Solomon Gearhart had children. daughter m Abner Speaker had son Stuart. Fanny m Joel Resstler had son Daniel, Wm. Samuel; Levi; David; possibly others. The four sons were in the Civil war. David Gearhart b Sept. 30 1820 in Armstrong Co., Pa. d Sept. 23, 1898 Marcellus Mich. m Feb 25 1847 Lavina Parsons. Have descendents. David in Co E 148th Pa. Inf in Civil War.

99. SHICK. C 7 wants information about parentage and first wife and children of John Tobias Shick d age 69, m 2nd Hannah Haine (widow). Residence New Salem, Fayette Co., Pa. Had a large family of children among them William Shick (changed spelling to Schick) b June 10 1822 d Oct. 31, 1891 Marcellus, Mich m 1st Anna Harmon m 2nd Mary E. Hartranft (desc. of Tobias Hartranft). Have complete information on his descendents. A Granddaughter of Hannah Haine says that John Tobias Schick had several daughters, among them Jane and Catherine. He was a blacksmith.

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00 SPINK: C 7 wants parentage of Laura Angela Spink b Jan 31, 1824 d Jan 7, 1888 Benton Harbor, Mich m March 12 1843 Stephen Augustus Slater b July 24 1822 d August 25, 1846 she m 2nd James V. Vanderbeck. She had children by Stephen Slater John Ugene b 1844 d 1852 and George Abial (Slafter Genealogy gives ancestry) and by James Vanderbeck R J , Ansel, and Jane Above material from family Bible. Laura Spink had brothers John and Elijah, possibly others. She was b in Henderson, N Y.
(History of Berrien and Cass Co., Mich: Samuel and Ada Consaul Spink had ch 7 children 3 living in 1893: Elijah John and Robert. Samuel was born in Jefferson Co , N Y lived in Lucas Co, Ohio and Berrien Co, Mich Was he a son of either John C. or Shibnah Spink of Perrysburg, Ohio? Grandson of Shibnah and Delight (Clothier) Spink of Revolution? Ada Consaul was the daughter of a hero of the Revolution no name given)